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School Lunchrooms Served 194,232 Meals During School Term Last Year

Program Is Reimbursed With \$7,790 Contributed In Foods

The part school lunchrooms are playing as part of the school program is reflected in a report released this week by J. T. Biggers, superintendent of county schools.

There is an adequate lunchroom in each of the five schools of the county, each being large in size, attractive, sanitary and equipped with modern kitchen furniture. The meals are well planned and well prepared, nutritionally adequate meats or meat substitutes are served regularly. Milk is served with each meal.

Last year the school lunchroom served a total of 194,232 meals to students and teachers. 130,686 meals were served in the three white schools while 63,546 meals were served in the two Negro schools. The daily average for meals was 1,094. The supervision by the teachers includes the development of desirable food habits, table manners, and training in conversation with respect to topics and tons with each child participating.

In connection with the county school lunchrooms Superintendent Biggers had this to say:

"A school lunch program, operated through the State Department of Public Instruction, reimburses the school a portion of the costs for all lunches served to children, but there is no reimbursement for lunches served to teachers or adults.

In addition to the cash reimbursement we received USDA commodities with a wholesale value of \$7,790.00. Among the commodities received were cheese, beans, dry milk, canned peas, dry eggs, honey, smoked ham, picnic shoulders, frozen turkeys, peanut butter, creamery butter, tomato paste, canned tomatoes, shell eggs, grapefruit sections and canned peaches.

"Patrons and parents are invited and urged to visit the school lunchrooms at any time. We would like for parents to see the lunchrooms in operation both with respect to the preparation and the serving of the meals. Visit the school and eat at least one meal with your child in the school lunchroom during the coming year."

During the 1952-1953 school year the financial reports for the lunchrooms were as follows: Perquimans Central Grammar School, income \$15,517, disbursements \$15,311; Hertford Grammar School, income \$9,695, disbursements \$9,523; Perquimans High School, income \$8,750, disbursements \$8,056; Hertford Negro School, income \$6,112, disbursements \$6,126; Perquimans Training School, income \$6,233, disbursements \$9,423.

Prices Received Index Up 1 Point

The "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers during July was up 1 point from the preceding month. The July index, at 280, compares with an index of 259 in June, 1953, and an index of 295 in July of last year. Slightly higher prices were received for most meat animals, dairy products, poultry items, cotton lint and some grain crops. However, these increases were offset to some extent by lower prices for wheat, soybeans, apples and sweet potatoes.

Slightly lower prices for wheat and rye resulted in a 1 point decrease in the grains commodity index.

The cotton and cottonseed index increased 4 points due to a half-cent increase in the price of cotton lint. Cottonseed, at \$66.00, was unchanged from the previous month while beef cattle and hogs, at \$14.70 and \$24.00 per hundred, were 50 cents and \$1.20 above the June 15 prices respectively.

The poultry index advanced 18 points due to slightly higher prices for both chickens and eggs.

The dairy products index was up 1 point as a result of a 1 cent increase in the price of butterfat and a .1 cent increase in the average price of milk retailed by farmers.

Soybean, apple and sweetpotato prices declined during the month, causing the miscellaneous commodities index to drop 11 points. The average price received for Irish potatoes and peanuts was unchanged from the preceding month.

The ratio of prices received by North Carolina farmers to prices paid by U. S. farmers rose 1 point during the month.

REVIVAL STARTS MONDAY

Revival services will be conducted at Bethlehem Church of Christ beginning Monday evening, August 10, and continuing throughout the week. Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

Banks Resigns As Recorder's Clerk

C. C. Banks, Clerk of the Perquimans County Recorder's Court since December, 1950, tendered his resignation of the position to the Board of County Commissioners, during the Board meeting here last Monday. He requested the resignation become effective September 1, 1953.

Mr. Banks stated it was with regrets that he was tendering his resignation, and thanked the Commissioners for the cooperation he had received while serving as the court clerk.

The Board of Commissioners accepted the resignation but took no action on filling the vacancy, postponing the matter of naming a new clerk until their meeting on September 8.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Russia has accepted a proposal for a Big Four foreign ministers meeting, to be held sometime this Fall, it was announced from Washington on Wednesday. Acceptance of the proposal leads Western officials to believe there is a possibility that world tension will ease. The Reds in accepting the invitation for the meeting proposed two points for the agenda of the conference; discussion of policy leading to world tension and unification of Germany.

The exchange of Korean prisoners of war began on schedule last Tuesday, with some 35 Americans included in the first 100 UN prisoners released by the Communists. Sick and wounded prisoners were among the first released. Special arrangements were made in advance for the care of the sick and wounded POW's. A U.S. major, among the first released, told a chilling story relating how some American officers had been sentenced to special terms only two days before the exchange was started.

Republican Senators have elected Senator William F. Knowland, of California as majority leader to succeed the late Senator Taft. Taft died Friday morning of last week, and a state funeral was conducted in Washington on Monday. Knowland was selected for the post by Senator Taft, who relinquished his duties after becoming seriously ill.

Hundreds of thousands of East Germans rushed into West Berlin last week to receive special food packages made available by the United States. Steps were taken by the Communists to halt the program, and this action resulted in a riot last Monday. West Berlin police broke up an attempt on the part of known Communists to wreck the food stations set-up in the French and American sectors of the city.

Conservation Dept. To Sponsor Contest

Frank B. Skinner, Chairman of the Perquimans County Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, announced that this group was planning to sponsor a poster contest in the grade schools of the county next year. Mr. Skinner said that Clarence C. Chappell and Emmett Long, who are the other members of the committee, had seen some examples of these posters from other counties. They believe that a contest of this type will help the schools to teach students how conservation work is done to protect our natural resources. Skinner said that the Supervisors felt that conservation education should start with the young children.

Conservation Dept. To Sponsor Contest

The Supervisors are planning to sponsor contests in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades next year, and the details will be worked out with school officials. Prizes will be offered to the winners of the contest. Mr. Skinner said that although the Soil Conservation District is primarily concerned with maintaining and improving the soil resources of the country, the students may use any subject dealing with the conservation of our natural resources.

Lions Club To Hold Light Bulb Sale

The Hertford Lions Club will conduct a house to house sale of light bulbs on Friday, August 7, from 7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M., it was announced here today. All proceeds from the sale of the bulbs will be donated by the Lions toward the activity bus fund being raised by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Peanut Growers In Meeting Wednesday On Referendum

Facts On Assessment Explained; Farmers Urged To Vote

Peanut growers of Perquimans County were given the facts concerning the peanut assessment referendum, to be held August 29, in a meeting held last Wednesday night in the Agriculture Building in Hertford.

The meeting conducted here was one of 19 planned for this week in the peanut producing counties of the State in order to acquaint the peanut producers with complete details regarding the referendum.

C. S. Mintz and M. S. Williams, representing the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, were present for the meeting and explained various phases of the program.

Purpose of the meeting was to urge all growers to participate in the forthcoming referendum and to present all the facts enabling the growers to decide how they wish to vote on the matter. Eligible to vote in the referendum will be farmers who produce one or more acres of peanuts for market, including owners of farms on which peanuts were produced in 1953, tenants and sharecroppers.

The referendum will be conducted by the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, Inc. It was so designated by the State Board of Agriculture under authority of an amended law approved by the 1947 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Should the referendum carry, the association would collect one cent per 100 pounds of peanuts sold, the funds deriving to be used to promote interest of the peanut growers in all phases of peanut production, marketing, processing, consumption and all other activities of concern to the industry.

Eight From County Inducted In Service

Eight Perquimans County youths left here on July 29, for induction into the armed forces, it was reported this week by Mrs. Charles Campen, clerk to the local draft board.

The inductees were Clyde Lane, Ben H. Miller, Paul Stokely, Graham L. Overton, Robert M. Winslow, John F. Wilson, Jesse Spellman and Lloyd Harrell.

Mrs. Campen announced the local board has an induction call for August for five selectees, and a pre-induction call for seven registrants.

Joint Meeting Of Boy Scouts Will Be Held In Edenton August 10

Officers of New Albemarle District Will Be Announced

The combined East and West Albemarle Districts, Boy Scouts of America, will hold a joint meeting Monday night, August 10, at 7 o'clock at the home of Hubert Willford on West Albemarle Street. This will be a dinner meeting held for the purpose to hear a report of the nominating committee for officers for the new Albemarle District which includes the seven Northeastern Counties east of Chowan River and north of Albemarle Sound.

In the future the district committee will hold a dinner meeting each second Monday night in the month, with the meeting to alternate in each county in the district.

At the Edenton meeting Monday night plans will be lined up for the fall program, which will include a seven-county Boy Scout picnic for Scouts and their families and Scout leaders. The picnic will be held at Camp Perry near New Hope on a date to be decided at the meeting.

Also to be considered at the meeting is an emergency mobilization of Boy Scouts in conjunction with the national civil defense program. The mobilization will be conducted by the commissioners' staff, of which C. W. Overman of Edenton is a member.

A Scouting in action fair is also planned to be held October 16 and 17, with one fair to be conducted in Edenton and one in Elizabeth City. At these fairs will be a public display of various Scout activities.

The proposed district meetings are open to all Scouts and it is hoped many will attend.

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

Fifteen Cases are Heard By Recorder; One Appeal Noted

A varied docket consisting of 15 cases was disposed of by the Perquimans County Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday. All of the defendants cited were listed for violations of the traffic laws.

Costs of court were assessed against William Frankovic and Ester Setiff, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding.

William Lamb, Richard Audrey, and Robert Berry each paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court after each had entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

Cady Gray entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving without a license. He was fined \$25 and costs. William Gray was fined \$10 and costs for permitting his car to be operated by an unlicensed driver.

Ray Twiddy, charged with speeding and transporting tax paid liquor, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

N. A. Relfe was found guilty on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and costs. An appeal to the Superior Court was noted in this case.

Guy Rhodes, charged with speeding and transporting tax paid liquor, submitted to the charges and paid a fine of \$20 and costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against James Fenderson who entered a plea of guilty to charges of following too closely behind another vehicle.

Alonzo Kee, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to driving without a license.

James Wilson was fined \$100 and costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of driving drunk.

Winborne Boyce was fined \$25 and costs of court on a charge of speeding.

Charlie Kemp entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk on a highway and possession of non-tax paid liquor. He was sentenced to jail for 10 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of the court costs.

TO HOLD SINGSPIRATION

A singspiration will be held at the Bethel Baptist Church Sunday night, August 8, beginning at 8 o'clock. The choirs of the Bethel, Macedonia and Mt. Sinai churches will take part under the direction of the Rev. Bennie Crawford, pastor. The congregation will also take part. The public is invited to attend.

Better Facilities For Oregon Inlet Traffic

County Board Acts To Fill Ag Vacancy

Members of the Board of Commissioners named a new county agent for Perquimans, during their meeting here last Monday. Max Chestnut, county agent of Northampton County for the past one and a half years, was elected to fill the vacancy in the local extension service. The appointment was subject to acceptance by Mr. Chestnut.

In filling the county agent's post, the Board considered four applicants, each recommended by Mr. Mintz, District Supervisor. Chestnut was named to the office after an interview with the Board during its meeting. He was employed at a salary increase of slightly more than \$700, previously paid the agent, with half of this amount scheduled to be paid by the county and the other half paid by the State.

Mr. Chestnut has had about seven years' experience in extension service work. He served as assistant agent in Tyrrell County for about four years and held the same post in Pasquotank County prior to being named agent in Northampton County.

He is a native of Sampson County and is married and has two children.

REVIVAL AT MT. SINAI

The Rev. James F. Burke of Danville, Va., will be the guest preacher at a series of revival services to be conducted at Mt. Sinai Church, near Winfall August 10 through August 16. Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Bennie Crawford, pastor of the church invites the public to attend.

Commissioners Approved Increase In Budget For Local Health Department

County Shares In Intangible Taxes

Perquimans County will receive a total of \$4,535.89 as its pro rata share in the division of intangible taxes collected and allocated by the State Department of Revenue, it was announced here last Monday. The Town of Hertford, also sharing in the distribution of these funds, will receive \$739.63.

The funds, collected by the State Department, comes from taxes on stocks, bonds, accounts receivable, money on hand and in banks, and other intangible assets. The State retains 20 per cent of the funds collected and divides the remaining 80 per cent among the counties and towns.

The distribution this year provides Perquimans County with an extra \$209 and the Town of Hertford will receive \$19 more than it received in 1952.

Wheat Referendum Set For August 14

The wheat marketing quota referendum set for Friday, August 14, is to be held at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, advises Helene Nixon, Perquimans County PMA Office manager. A referendum committee appointed by the County PMA Committee will be in charge of the polls which will be opened from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. Miss Nixon urges every eligible wheat grower to vote, since the outcome of the referendum will materially affect the price farmers receive for their 1954 wheat. If quotas are turned down, the price support loan will be cut almost in two, and the loan will be available only for those who do not exceed their wheat acreage allotments. Those who exceed their allotments have no assurance of any price support. If quotas are approved, and it takes a two-thirds majority to approve, wheat loans to cooperators will be at 90 per cent of parity. If the vote is unfavorable, the loan to cooperators will be 50 per cent of parity.

The program amplifies to all farms where the seeded wheat acreage is more than 15 acres and where the normal production on the acreage seeded is 200 bushels or more. Farmers having an interest in the wheat grown on such farms are eligible to vote in the referendum.

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Better Facilities For Oregon Inlet Traffic

According to J. Emmett Winslow, First Division Highway Commissioner, a new ferry will be added at Oregon Inlet to relieve the congested traffic condition. The new boat, he says, will be named Governor Umstead, and will be able to transport 22 cars across the inlet.

The old ferry boat with a capacity of 11 cars will continue in operation, so that with the new boat 33 cars can be carried instead of 11.

One of the big advantages of the new ferry is that car doors can be opened in transit and passengers can get out and walk around. To do so now they must climb out of their car windows, Winslow said.

Commissioner Winslow also pointed out that possibilities of erecting a bridge across the inlet are being considered.

Construction Of Boiler Room Started

Workmen began Wednesday constructing a new boiler room, adjacent to the Perquimans County jail, which will house the new heating system to be installed for the Court House and jail. W. F. Edwards and Ernest White have the contract for building the boiler room, while W. H. Lane and Son, were awarded the contract for installing the heating system.

Rev. Wulf Serving As Camp Chaplain

Services at Holy Trinity Church in Hertford, will be omitted on Friday, August 7 and 14 and on Sunday, August 9 and 16, it was announced today by the Rev. Charles Wulf, rector of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Wulf will be serving as chaplain at Camp Leach during the time the local services will be omitted.

Board Reappoints J. C. Morgan As Superintendent Of Home

Acting upon a budget request presented by the District Board of Health the Perquimans County Commissioners, in regular meeting here last Monday, voted to increase the appropriations for the district health department by the amount of \$961.54.

The budget presentation, made annually by the District Health Department, was delayed this year due to the fact information concerning funds to be available from state and federal sources, for this department, was not released until the latter part of June.

Cuts in appropriations, at the state and federal levels, made it necessary for the district Board of Health to increase local appropriations from \$34,662.90 to \$39,818.24. The four counties comprising the local health district, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Chowan and Camden, are assessed on a pro rata basis in making up the total appropriations, each county contributing 77 cents per capita toward the 1953-54 budget.

Other business handled during the Commissioners' meeting included the reappointment of J. C. Morgan as superintendent of the county home, effective January 1, 1954, at a salary increase of \$360 per year. This salary increase was voted to compensate the superintendent for loss of income suffered through the sale of about seven acres of cleared land from the county home farm, which is worked each year by the superintendent as part of the income arrangements in connection with the job.

The Board voted to make a settlement with Sheriff M. G. Owens on the collection of 1952 taxes on the first Monday in October.

A contribution of \$25 was voted to the Negro 4-H Clubs and NFA of the county to help cover costs of a stock show in which the local organizations participate.

The Board voted to hold its regular September meeting on Tuesday, September 8, instead of Monday, September 7, which is a national holiday.

Hodges And Harden Heading Drive For State's Bond Issue

Brandon P. Hodges, former State Treasurer, and John Harden of Greensboro have been appointed by Governor William Umstead to head a statewide organization to promote interest in the referendum scheduled to be held in North Carolina Saturday, October 3. The two men will serve as co-chairmen to present the program to the state's voters.

In the referendum, which was authorized by the last General Assembly, votes will decide whether or not the state will issue 50 million dollars in bonds for building and improving schools and 22 million dollars for improvement of mental institutions.

Governor Umstead stated that headquarters for the organization will be opened in Raleigh late this month, and in commenting upon his appointments had this to say:

"North Carolina's future, in the realm of public education and care of our mentally ill is at stake. We are fortunate at this crossroads point to have two men who will contribute their time and their talents to this important task."

FFA Members Return Home From Camp Trip

Sixteen members of the Perquimans chapter of the FFA have returned to their homes in the county after enjoying a week at the FFA camp at White Lake. The boys were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tunnel.

Representing the Perquimans chapter at the camp were Winston Chappell, Seth Morgan, Hazel Euro, Martin Sawyer, John Benton, Jesse Mansfield, Joe Rogerson, Bobby Smith, Curtis Pierce, Clifton Hollowell, Arnold Chappell, Carrol Hurdle, George Morris, Billy Elliott, Belmont Perry and Noah Reed Felton.

While at the camp the youths participated in all types of sporting activities, and won first place on "stunt night." They also visited a number of farming projects while on the trip.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are welcome.